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PUBLIC VERSION

Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary
TPSC, Office of the USTR
600 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20508

Re: Product Exclusions, Certain Steel Products, USITC Inv. No. TA-201-73

Dear Secretary Blue:

On behalf of Bohler Uddeholm and in accordance with USTR's request for comment, 66 FR 54321 (October 26, 2001), we submit a request to exclude certain Electro Slag Remelt stainless steel from import relief under section 203. We attach the Exclusion Request Data Sheet submitted to the USITC, and product specifications.

We request confidential treatment of this submission because it contains Bohler Uddeholm's sales data for the US.

(a) Designation under a recognized standard or certification

HTS: 7222.30.0000; 7222.19.0050; 7222.20.0075; 7222.11.0050;
7219.21.0020; 7220.11.0000; 7220.20.0045.
AISI 420.

P-DLS008

(b) Description based on physical characteristics

Electro Slag Remelt (ESR), through-hardening stainless mold steel used in medical and optical applications.

(c) Basis for exclusion

The domestic US industry does not produce ESR mold steel in sufficient quantities to meet US domestic requirements.

(d) Names of domestic and foreign producers

Bohler Uddeholm

(e) Total US consumption 1996-2000 (in short tons) (estimate)

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
NOT AVAILABLE				

(We are unable to provide realistic demand projections because Bohler Uddeholm's sales of this product are dependent on the requirements of the US power medical and optical industries.)

(f) Total US production 1996-2000 (in short tons) (estimate)

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
NOT AVAILABLE				

(g) Identity of US produced substitute products

There are no substitutes for this product.

Respectfully submitted,



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